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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masakazu MATSUGU, ET AL.) : Examiner: J. Wilson
Appln. No.: 09/435,774) : Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: November 8, 1999) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) December 30, 2003
APPARATUS, IMAGE)
PROCESSING METHOD, AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM) :

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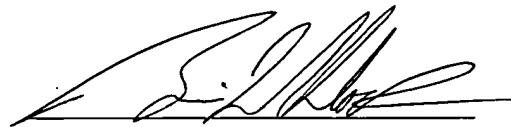
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, which sets forth a
restriction requirement, Applicants elect for examination the invention of Group I (Claims
1-14, 24-37, and 47).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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